

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *ex rel.* SHAREEF  
ABDOU,

Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL CORPORATION,  
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,  
COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB, BANK OF  
AMERICA CORPORATION, FIRST FRANKLIN  
FINANCIAL CORPORATION, and BANK OF  
AMERICA, N.A.,

Defendants.  
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**STIPULATION AND ORDER OF  
VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL**

WHEREAS, in January 14, 2014, Relator filed the above-referenced *qui tam* action (the “Relator’s Action”) in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Court”) pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b), the *qui tam* provision of the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq. (the “FCA”), alleging, *inter alia*, that the above-captioned defendants violated the FCA in connection with the sale of residential mortgage loans to the government sponsored enterprises Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation;

WHEREAS, on or about August 19, 2014, the United States, along with the States of California, Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, and New York, entered into a settlement agreement with Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America, N.A., Banc of America Mortgage Securities, and their current and former subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, “Bank of America”), resolving certain mortgage-related liabilities of Bank of America to the United States and these States (the “Settlement Agreement”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraphs 1(A)(v) and 3(F)(iii) of the Settlement Agreement, Bank of America agreed to pay the United States a settlement of three hundred million dollars

(\$300,000,000) to resolve all claims of the United States as alleged in the Relator's Action relating to the Covered Conduct defined in paragraphs 3(A) through 3(F) of the Settlement Agreement; and


WHEREAS, the Government and the Relator have entered into a proposed Stipulation and Order of Settlement and Release resolving the Relator's claims to a portion of the Settlement Amount pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(d)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the Relator and the Government, by their respective counsel, as follows:

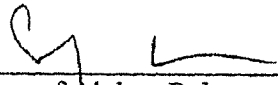
1. The Relator Action is hereby dismissed with prejudice as to the Relator and without costs or attorneys' fees, subject to paragraph 3 below.
2. The Relator Action is hereby dismissed with prejudice as to the Government with respect to all claims relating to the Covered Conduct described in paragraphs 3(A) through 3(F) of the Settlement Agreement.
3. The Relator expressly reserves any claims against the Defendants for costs or attorneys' fees and this Court retains jurisdiction over such claims.
4. This Stipulation constitutes the entire agreement of the United States and the Relator with respect to the subject matter of this Stipulation and may not be changed, altered, or modified, except by a written agreement signed by the United States and the Relator specifically referring to this Stipulation.
5. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

Dated: New York, New York  
Dec. 15, 2014

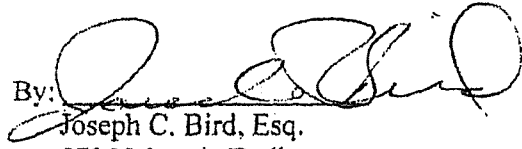
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Dated: 12/12, 2014

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SO ORDERED:

  
ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: 12-15-14